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Greetings from Guadalajara,

Another interesting few months have gone by. We have seen several people make professions of faith since the month of March, two of which are now coming to church regularly. Three others are going through discipleship courses in their homes, but have not yet visited the church. We ask you to pray for them so that God will work in their hearts in that matter. Others who have made a profession of faith have not agreed to the courses, but we are working with them so they might begin to grow in the knowledge of our Lord. The church is growing very slowly, but we can see God working in the hearts of the people.

Bible school is out for the year! We are very thankful to our Lord for having guided us through this school year. It has been a roller coaster ride, and according to my father probably, the toughest year in the thirty-year existence of the school. However, we have seen progress in the knowledge and in the lives of the students. It is impossible to know what God has prepared for us this upcoming school year, but we are looking forward to it.

Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza or "New Hope Baptist church" in the town of Los Pocitos was founded by my father about 7 years ago. This church is very near to closing a deal for their own piece of land! This matter requires lots of prayer, since the church has been looking for a place for two years now. The church has been very grateful for the use of the Los Pocitos Childrens Home to hold its services there. However, Sister Judy Padget (owner of the home) has gone to be with the Lord this past March after battling cancer for several months. Therefore, it is urgent that the church purchases its own place, because it is uncertain what will happen. Please keep this church in your prayers.

When I started deputation, many people asked, "How is the war against drugs in Mexico? Is it something to worry about?" At that time, I answered quickly by saying, "There is nothing going on right now, and everything is under control. Don't worry, it's all ok". Now, on the other hand, the situation has changed. Thousands have died, both government agents as well as drug runners. Unfortunately, the majority of the people being killed is not the bad guys, but rather innocent people. The city of Guadalajara had been untouched by this problem until a few months ago. Now, gun fights and military security is a common sight in our city.



Pray for Mexico. The country is facing a fear which has never been felt before. For the people in Mexico it seems this situation has no end.

In His Service,  
Jerry Shaw